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Rosie Cooney (Australia) is the Chair of the CEESP/SSC Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group (SULi) and a Visiting Fellow at the University of NSW. Rosie is trained as a zoologist and in law but works at the interface of biodiversity conservation, rural livelihoods, and environmental policy and regulation. She has over 15 years experience in international and national policy research, analysis and development within major international NGOs, as an independent consultant, and convening courses in several Australian universities. Her areas of expertise are governance and management of sustainable use of wild resources, hunting, wildlife trade, community-based responses to illegal wildlife trade, and environmental governance, with a strong focus on seeking approaches that both meet human needs and conserve biodiversity. Rosie was appointed as an inaugural member of the UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board and is a lead author on the Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services regional assessment for the Asia-Pacific Region.